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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU

FBIS 2610-88
1 May 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director FBIS

THRU: Acting Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--April 1988

I. GENERAL

1. The Embassy and owners of property near the centrally-located Hotel Ivoire have reached an agreement in principle to purchase land for construction of a new chancery. The Hotel Ivoire site has long been the Embassy's preferred site for the new building but up to now, embassy officials and the property owners had been unable to reach a compromise on the price of the land. State Department is reportedly making additional funds available for purchasing the land but has given no firm indication of when those funds might be forthcoming. Therefore, construction of a new chancery still appears to be a long way off. Meanwhile the Embassy is continuing a legal battle over back rent with the owners of the present chancery building.

2. The board of the International Community School of Abidjan (the American school) has announced its decision to discontinue the full academic program for grades 10-12. Starting in September of this year, a core program will be offered in which basic courses--math, science, English, and social studies--needed for a U.S. high school diploma will be taught. French will also be offered. Other electives will be offered by correspondence courses through the University of Nebraska. The decision was prompted by the economic difficulties experienced since the upper school was instituted 5 years ago, exacerbated by dwindling upper school enrollment. Increased numbers of American mission parents, unhappy with the quality of education in the upper grades and the fact that the academic program for grades 9-12 is not accredited, have opted to use the school-away-from-post allowance to send their children to boarding schools in the United States and Europe. The fully-accredited full academic program for grades K-8 will continue next academic year with the reinstitution of pre-kindergarten instruction. Plans to build a new school plant have picked up momentum over the past 6 months with 1990 as the most likely timeframe for completion. ✓

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Violent disturbances were reported in Nigeria this month when the government announced that the subsidy that had helped hold down gasoline prices was being phased out. Although the increase was reportedly only 6 percent, it

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immediately triggered widespread protests by students which culminated in six people being killed in the northern town of Jos. Numerous universities were closed as protests spread to other groups, including journalists, bank and industrial workers, nurses, and air traffic controllers. As the month ended, the government appeared to be in firm control but protests were continuing as union leaders met with the labor minister who was to convey their demands to President Babangida.

2. In Senegal, the trial of opposition party leader Abdoulaye Wade, charged with threatening state security after losing the February presidential election, sparked rioting by students in Dakar. There were scattered outbreaks of student violence at month's end as the trial continued. On 29 April, the interior minister announced a ban on rallies and demonstrations scheduled for the traditional May Day festivities. Earlier in the month, another opposition leader, Abdoulaye Bathily of the Marxist Democratic League/Workers Party was arrested during a demonstration and later convicted. In an interview with BBC filed by the bureau, he publicly charged that the U.S. Ambassador to Senegal was really running Senegalese affairs. This prompted Ambassador Walker to publicly rebut this accusation. BBC broadcast the ambassador's message in several casts beamed to West Africa.

B. Coverage

1. Clandestine Radio Bardai, believed to be controlled by Libya and broadcasting to Chad, became monitorable several times during the month and the bureau processed almost 5,000 words from this source, the most in more than a year. While Bardai remains unmonitorable in general, the bureau is hopeful that the recent few days of good reception are part of a positive trend.

2. The Pan African News Agency [PANA], operating out of Dakar, has been unmonitorable during the month. A TANJUG item reported that PANA lines were disconnected for failure to pay its bills. The Zairian News Agency [AZAP] has also remained unmonitorable with suspected transmitter problems.

3. A new computer software program developed by Tel Aviv engineer allows computer scanning of those frequencies on which AZAP and PANA are likely to appear. It also can make the numerous daily AFP frequency changes thus freeing the duty editor from doing this manually. While still in the early stages of testing, the potential is good for using the program more extensively.

4. The AFP landline service has remained out of service throughout the month while PTT workers replace a faulty cable.

C. Communications

After an extensive outage, the bureau's Telex, used for back-up communications, was restored to service by Telex and PTT technicians.

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D. Technical

The bureau received the following non-expendable equipment during the month: one Farinon microwave panel meter from Nicosia Bureau; two patch panels from Vienna Bureau; Haithcock's WJ receiver program update from Tel Aviv Bureau; one BACH 2.1 installation and command disk; one IDD modem; four "bag and drag" safe bags for shredding; five G.E. portable PE-66 radios and battery chargers.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

FBN monitor supervisor, [] received a PSI during the month.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

Contractors have completed wiring for installation of the bureau's closed circuit television system which will allow bureau personnel to monitor bureau entrances and grounds. Two television monitors and three cameras will be installed when the equipment is received from Paris.

C. Other

The bureau took delivery of a new 1988 Peugeot 305 wagon on the 28th. The old vehicle, a Peugeot 505, was turned in to GSO for disposal.

IV. VISITS

1. [] Director of the Area Telecommunications Office [ATO] in Monrovia, Liberia, visited on 22 April and was given an overview of bureau operations.

2. Col. Clarence J. Grant, Defense Attache in Accra, Ghana, visited the bureau during a brief TDY in Abidjan.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for april 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	227540
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	9640
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	629

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	3870	
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0	
Cotonou EHUZU in French		0

BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	12600	
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French		0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French		0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	2170	
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	2740	
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English		0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French		0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese		80
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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CHAD
Ndjamena Domestic Service in
French

11900

CLANDESTINE
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National
Radio in
French

4750

CONGO
Brazzaville Domestic Service in
French
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in
French
Brazzaville ETUMBA in
French
brazzaville mweti in
french

0

0

0

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Bata Domestic Service in
Spanish
Malabo Domestic Service in
Spanish

0

700

FRANCE
Paris AFP in
English
Paris AFP in
French
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
French
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
English
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in
French

12790

24700

0

0

5860

GABON
Libreville Africa No. 1 in
French
*Libreville Africa No.1 in
English
Libreville Domestic Service in

4560

0

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Libreville L'UNION in
French

17

GHANA

Accra International Service in
English

710

Accra Domestic Service in
English

17590

Accra GHANAIAIAN TIMES in

English

0

Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in
English

0

Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in
English

0

Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in
English

0

GREAT BRITAIN

London BBC in
English

21170

London WEST AFRICA in
English

0

GUINEA

Conakry Domestic Service in
French

3810

Conakry HOROYA in
French

0

GUINEA-BISSAU

Bissau NO PINTCHA in
Portuguese

0

IVORY COAST

Abidjan Domestic Service in
French

2680

Abidjan Television Service in
French

0

Abidjan Ivoir'soir in
French

0

Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in
French

0

Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in
French

1080

Abidjan INFORMATION in

0

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in
French

770

LIBERIA
Monrovia Domestic Service in
English

0

Monrovia Radio ELWA in
English

9100

Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in
English

0

MALI

Bamako Domestic Service in
French

9410

Bamako L'ESSOR in
French

0

MAURITANIA

Nouakchott Domestic Service in
French

450

Nouakchott CHAAB in
French

0

NIGER

Niamey Domestic Service in
French

5760

Niamey LE SAHEL in
French

0

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in
French

0

NIGERIA

Lagos International Service in
English

0

Lagos Domestic Service in
English

25020

Kaduna Domestic Service in
English

3740

Lagos NAN in
English

13280

Lagos DAILY TIMES in
English

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in
English

0

French

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SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in
French

15940

DAKAR FANA in
english

3120

Dakar FANA in
French

1970

Dakar LE SOLEIL in
French

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in
English

0

Freetown DAILY MAIL in
English

THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in
English

TOGO

Lome International Service in
French

0

Lome Domestic Service in
French

3940

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in
French

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in
French

0

Kinshasa AZAP in
French

0

Kinshasa ELIMA in
French